

## 2014 DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies to:  
**Alix Rosenthal at [alix@alixro.com](mailto:alix@alixro.com)**  
**Matt Dorsey at [mattdorsey@mac.com](mailto:mattdorsey@mac.com)**
- **Only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee.**
- You may bring 15 copies with you to be delivered to Alix Rosenthal just prior to your interview at:

Laborers Local 261  
3271 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, California  
Saturday, August 9, 2014  
10 a.m.

- At the time of the interview, you may also provide 15 copies of up to 4 pages of information for distribution to SFDCCC members.
- The final endorsement decision will be made at the DCCC meeting on August 13:

Milton Marks Auditorium  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Wednesday, August 13, 2014  
6 p.m.

- While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent Democratic Party principles and since you may run for higher office where these questions will be relevant, we would like them addressed.
- We will distribute the questionnaires at the meeting and post them on the DCCC website for the public to view.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Are you a registered Democrat?  
Yes
2. When did you first register as a Democrat?  
I have always been a registered Democrat.
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections?  
President Obama.
4. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election? Who?  
When?  
I supported James Fang for BART Board.
5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Ed Lee		
Assembly District 17	2014	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D1	2012			
Supervisor, D2	2014	Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012			
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Mike Garcia		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012			
Supervisor, D10	2014	Malia Cohen		
Supervisor, D11	2012			

6. Please provide a brief summary of your *qualifications* for this office. (no more than 200 words)

I have served as the Assessor-Recorder since February 2013 and have received and maintain the required state certification for my profession. Prior to my appointment as Assessor-Recorder in February of 2013, I served as District Four Supervisor, representing the Sunset/Parkside District. As Supervisor, I chaired the Board's Budget and Finance Committee for the 2011-2012 budget. Working with my colleagues on the board, the Mayor, community leaders, city departments and labor, the \$6.83 billion budget preserved funding for critical city services while closing a General Fund deficit of \$380 million. I again chaired the Budget and Finance committee for the 2012-2014 budget, leading the development of San Francisco's first two-year budget, implemented to more effectively align the City's spending with long-term planning. I also served as the Deputy Director for the Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance. Prior to joining

the City, my career in municipal finance began as a consultant for PFM, where I advised municipalities on debt management and financing structures for public works projects.

7. Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party at the local, state and or/national level in the last 4 years. (no more than 200 words)

I have financially supported and sponsored Democratic fundraisers for candidates, as well as events held by other Democratic clubs. I have endorsed and actively supported Democrats who have run for positions within and outside the City through volunteer efforts, canvassing, speaking engagements, donations and fundraising, and through introductions and press opportunities with the Chinese media in particular.

8. If elected, what are the three top issues you will work to affect? (no more than 200 words)

As Assessor-Recorder my top priorities include ensuring that the assessment process is fair and transparent, providing excellent customer service, and working to improve operational efficiencies and strengthen our organization. Since taking office in February 2013, I've launched a new paperless recording process for agencies and companies that submit documents to the Assessor-Recorder's office, increasing efficiency and organization of records. I've continued the work of modernizing our operations with expanded online filing for businesses and allowing requests to change mailing addresses be fulfilled over the internet.

Property tax revenue generated by the Assessor-Recorder comprises almost 40% of general fund revenue that pays for vital city services and programs like public safety services, transportation, health and human services, and afterschool programs for youth, etc.

Part of my vision of government is ensuring that inclusion is a core value of public service. That no matter what the person's ethnicity or language ability we continue to serve them to the best of our ability. This is exemplified in our work to improve language access in our organizing by developing the first language access strategic plan for the Office of the Assessor-Recorder and is exemplified in our commitment to serve the public.

9. What have you done to mentor women and people of color in your field? (no more than 200 words)

As a woman of color, and currently the only woman holding citywide office in San Francisco, I believe it is vital to mentor and support women and people of color. I am extremely proud that Katy Tang who I have worked with for many years has successfully run for and won election in 2013 to serve the residents of District 4. I have also worked with organizations like PAAWBAC to mentor young women interested in public service.

10. Please list the organizations and elected officials who have endorsed you.

I am proud to have strong support citywide including US Senator Dianne Feinstein; Congresswoman Jackie Speier; Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom; Attorney General Kamala Harris; Controller John Chiang; State Senator Mark Leno; Board of Equalization Member Betty Yee; Assemblymember Phil Ting; Mayor Ed Lee; Treasurer Jose Cisneros; District Attorney George Gascón; Public Defender Jeff Adachi; Board of Supervisors Members London Breed, David Chiu, Malia Cohen, Mark Farrell, Jane Kim, Eric Mar, Katy Tang, Scott Wiener, and Norman Yee; former Assemblymember Fiona Ma; the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council; LiUNA! Laborers Local 261; IBEW Local 1245; SF Police Officers Association; SF Firefighters Local 798; SF Deputy Sheriff's Association.

### ISSUES QUESTIONS

Please only mark whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each issue.

Question	Support	Oppose
1. Do you support or oppose a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion?	X	
2. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?	X	
3. Do you support or oppose marriage equality?	X	
4. Do you support or oppose privatization of essential government services?	** I am happy to discuss my position at the interview	
5. Do you support or oppose public power in San Francisco?	** I am happy to discuss my position at the interview	
6. Do you support or oppose reducing jail/prison overcrowding by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses?	X	
7. Do you support or oppose rent control?	X	
8. Do you support or oppose San Francisco's sanctuary city policy?	X	
9. Do you support or oppose the repeal of instant runoff voting (ranked choice voting)?	** I am happy to discuss	

	my position at the interview	
10. Do you support or oppose district elections of Supervisors?	** I am happy to discuss my position at the interview	

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on August 9, 2014.